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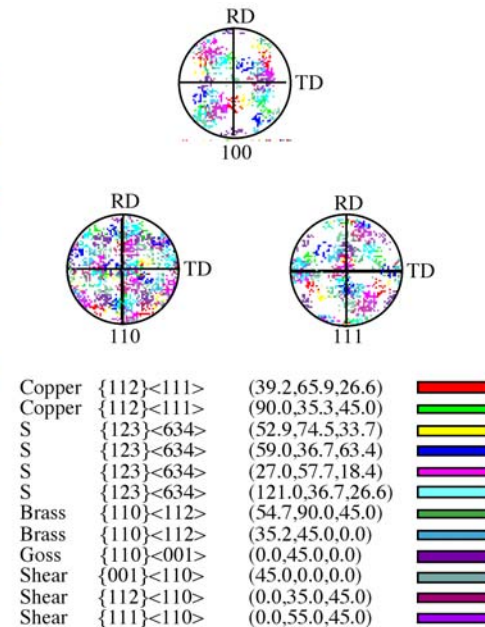
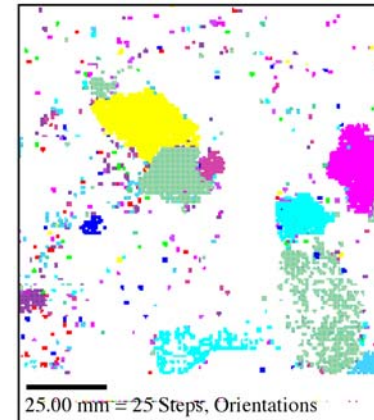
## Mechanisms of Superplastic Forming

- Orientation Imaging Microscopy of Superplastic 7475 material!
- Major texture components have been identified and analyzed
- Special Grain Boundary Character has been investigated and its evolution for different levels of superplastic forming reported
- A non-contact technique to measure displacement gradient has been invented.
- A composite model is introduced which incorporates both SPF and non-SPF phenomena



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**Deformation texture components identified and shown as the different color codes**

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## Training

- 3 graduate students in experiments (Gail Jefferson, Samuel Adedokun, Ding Li) have participated in research. Samuel Adedokun will be involved in theory also.
- One undergraduate student (Michelle Adams) has become involved in the OIM experiments and will be involved in the composite formulation.
- Askar Sheikali is the Post-doc research associate on this work in charge of the grain boundary character analysis!
- Two of these students a(Gail Jefferson -graduate student and Michelle Adams -Undergraduate student) are both African Americans!



## Outreach (by graduate student Karen Daniels)

- As part of another NSF program (CIRE), 3 African American students have been trained on the microscopy techniques related to the present research in Superplasticity!